

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 10, line 4, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Lignocellulosic composites produced using the present formaldehyde-free adhesives include particleboard, plywood, oriented strand board (OSB), waferboard, fiberboard (including medium-density and high-density fiberboard), parallel strand lumber (PSL), laminated strand lumber (LSL), laminated veneer lumber (LVL), and similar products. Examples of suitable lignocellulosic raw materials for producing lignocellulosic composites include wood, flax, hemp, and straw, including wheat, rice and barley straw. The lignocellulosic raw material can be processed into any suitable substrate form and size, including various particles or fragments such as chips, flakes, fibers, strands, wafers, trim, shavings, sawdust, and combinations thereof. It should be recognized that references herein to "lignocellulosic material" for making the lignocellulosic composites do not refer to the lignocellulosic material that can be used as an ingredient for the adhesive itself.